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In re the Application of

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For: CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AXON REGENERATION  
USING RHO PROTEIN INHIBITORS (As Amended)

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks sent in response to an Office Action dated  
August 13, 2001:

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 8, 12, 13, 17, 23, 24, 28, and 30 to read as follows:

8. A method according to claim 1 wherein the rho protein inhibitor is a chimeric *C. botulinum* C2/C3 exoenzyme construct having the actin ADP-ribosylation activity deleted from the C2 toxin and the C3<sup>ADP-ribosylating</sup> enzyme activity substituted therefor, so that the construct ADP-ribosylates rho specifically and inactivates the G protein.

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